

The Daily Republican

At Caner resides a young man whose name is likely to go thundering down the ages as the synonym of something cruel and heartless in nature. This youth is a partner in a general store and his smile as he measures calico for the young ladies of the neighborhood, counts the eggs or weighs the butter brought in by the matrons is both child like and bland. But for all this fair exterior, his heart is a mass of ice, as two ladies, residents of the town can testify. The particular atrocity which has brought the young man into such unenviable notoriety occurred on the evening of April 1. This particular evening Mr. Chapman—there the name has slipped out, went to his bachelor quarters. He found the outer door locked, and thought this rather strange, until a feminine giggle sounding somewhere on the premises caused him to remember the day. He managed to reach his room, running the gauntlet of clothes lines which had been cunningly disposed to trip unwary feet, and reached his room little the worse for wear. He noticed that the bed covering was somewhat disturbed but gave the matter little thought. He had disrobed when a pronounced and vigorous snore smote on his ears. He resolved himself into a committee of investigation, and a moment later discovered the family pug dog cozily snoring under the cover. This was not all. The animal was dressed in a night robe belonging to one of the infantile inhabitants of the house, and its ears were snugly tucked away under a pronounced feminine night cap. A suppressed murmur of merriment floated up the stairway and Mr. Chapman was "on." "All right girls," quoth our hero, "be laughs best, wh' laughs last," and pushing his bed fellow to one side was soon in the land of dreams. There was a great deal of subdued excitement among the resident femininity the next morning when he appeared at the breakfast table, but never by word or deed did he avenge from the even tenor of his way. And this is why the disappointed damsels vote Mr. Chapman a hard hearted brute, incapable of understanding or appreciating the pleasures of the season.

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A WOMAN WILL COMMAND.

Mysterious Document Sealed Until After the Death of Gen. Booth.

Next Salvationist General—Undoubtedly the "Madonna of Paris"—Who She Is and Why She Is Chosen.

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Filed away among the secret documents protected by the high court of chancery—an institution so much revered by Britishers as to be a surer safeguard than the bayonets of the entire British army—is a legal parchment on which Gen. Booth, founder and commander in chief of the Salvation Army, has written the name of his chosen successor as leader of the worldwide religious movement. The document can be opened only after the death of Gen. Booth, and none but he—according to the Harveized steel rules that govern the court of chancery—can have access to it during his lifetime. It has for years been a matter of speculation to the members of the army, officers and rank and file, who the next general will be. The matter has even interested men in the front rank of British public life. Mr. Gladstone, during a recent conversation with Gen. Booth at Hawarden castle, asked the question point blank. The general, while declining to give the name of his successor, explained the manner in which he had provided for a new leader to take up the command when death forces him to relinquish it, and showed how carefully he had arranged that the great movement might go smoothly on.

While the general refuses to give official confirmation to the report, it is well known in Salvation Army circles that the future general in chief is a woman, the mother of a family and a Salvationist who has made her bow to audiences in every large city of America, leaving enthusiastic friends behind wherever she has been.

"As a matter of fact," said a prominent Salvationist who has been for many years on terms of close intimacy with the Booth family, "there are only three prominent officers in the Salvation Army upon whom the great honor of succeeding Gen. Booth could fall. One is the general's eldest son, Bramwell Booth. Since the movement was first organized he has occupied the post of chief of staff to Gen. Booth and has been the real 'business head' of the army. To him have been referred all questions relating to the purchase of property, the endless financial difficulties and most of the detail of the constantly changing movements connected with the field work. The salvation wires of the world are worked from the office of Mr. Bramwell Booth at the international headquarters, 101 Queen Victor street, London; but in spite of his great business ability there are reasons why the general's eldest son could not be chosen for the leadership.

"In the first place he is deaf, and has to use an ear trumpet in public meetings. A general so afflicted would be seriously handicapped. Then he is not a born leader of men, being more at home at an office desk than in the whirl of a warfare such as the Salvation Army carries on. Added to this is the fact that no one in the Salvation Army today is fitted to replace Bramwell Booth as chief of the international staff, a position that is of as much importance to the movement as that of general; so it may safely be taken for granted that Bramwell Booth's name does not figure in the document enrolled in chancery.

"The next possibility is Commander Booth-Tucker, now in charge of the American work. Gen. Booth has frequently talked of transferring the international headquarters of the Salvation Army to New York, and the American field has always been regarded as a training ground for the future general. It was common talk in the inner circles of Salvation Army officialdom that the general sent his second son, Ballington Booth, now of the Volunteers, to America to secure an insight into the method of work best adapted to this country, so that an education fitting him to take his father's place at the head of the army, an education that Ballington had begun by a long course of training in England and Australia, might be completed. Ballington being no longer beneath his father's flag, some prophets in the Salvation Army are pointing at Commander Booth-Tucker as the next general of the organization.

He has seen the work at its worst and at its best; he is married to a daughter of Gen. Booth and is loved by Salvationists of all countries in which he has been a leader. He is a man of education, an ex-judge, a poet, and an orator of great ability. There is only one thing that puts him out of the race for the generalship—there is one greater than he in the movement, and it is upon this one that the mantle of Gen. Booth will fall.

"She is Katherine Booth, the eldest daughter of the leader, known in the ranks of the army as 'La Marechale.' A few years ago she toured America, holding meetings in all the large cities, and her great personal magnetism and her wonderful platform ability won her the admiration of everyone who heard her speak. She described vividly her experiences in infidel Paris, to which city she was sent in the early days of the army's history. She gained her title of Marechale of France, and has been a central figure in religious life there for 15 years. She is married to Col. Clibborn, an ex-Quaker and an old army officer. Her full name is Katherine Booth-Clibborn, the general having insisted upon her Salvationist husband taking the family name of Booth, hyphenated with his own.

"Col. Clibborn for many years assisted his wife as her chief aid in Paris before they fell in love and were married. Mrs. Booth-Clibborn remained the leader after marriage, and continued to be the head and front of the Salvation Army work in France, in spite of the fact that she now has an interesting family of four children to care for. Recently she was given

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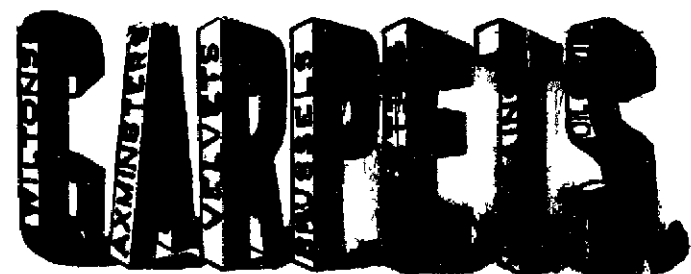
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The theatrical season at the Grand will close on May 1.

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Boys' Oxford and tan high shoes, any size, \$1.37 a pair, reduced from \$2; new coin toes at Powers' shoe store.—8 d&w1w

There will be a cheap comedy company at the Grand all next week, the Wilson combination at 10, 20 and 30 cents.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Walgaard are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

New stock of Roger & Gallet's violet perfume and toilet soaps at West's drug store.

The Turners will give a big dance at their hall on the night of April 19, following Easter Sunday.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and retail, 223 North Main street. Duffee & Culp.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

Before you have your spring papering done go and see W. C. Plunk, 109 East North street. Exclusive wall paper store.—5 d&w

Lotus Lily, Glory, Butterfly Orchid and Alpine Lilac. New perfumes for Easter, low prices, at West's drug store.

The Decatur Turner society will manage an excursion trip to St. Louis on Sunday, May 9, to attend the big fest to be held in that city. Committees have all arrangements in charge.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Consins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2½ to 5½, width A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—3d-1w

Friday evening next Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stevenson will entertain the Young Men's Sunday Evening club of the Congregational church at their home on West Main street. There is to be a feast and speech making.

The excursion to New York Apr. 23rd to 26th, via Wabash account Grant Monument ceremonies is the first one since the Christian Endeavor society held their meeting there in 1894. apr 10-dtf

Charles Osborne was not prosecuted for assaulting his wife, because Mrs. O. finally refused to make the complaint. There was substantial proof, however, that Osborne had a revolver when he was arrested. The officers saw that and Osborne was fined \$35 and costs by Justice Hardy. Osborne had to go to jail in default of payment.

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There was an interesting meeting of the Endeavor society of the Baptist church last night, the feature of which was a debate on the question: Resolved, That foreign missionary societies are more productive of good than the home societies. The affirmative was sustained by James Montgomery and Miss Stoy and the negative by J. L. Deek and Miss Myra Plummer. The judges were Samuel Schmink, N. W. Woodford and Miss Carrie Ennep and they decided in favor of the affirmative.

Goods at Private Sale.

Because of the rain last Saturday the auction sale of household effects held by Alma M. Kliney at 483 North Water street, was not completed. The remainder of the goods, including phonograph, carpets, ball rack, sewing machine, refrigerator, bed room sets, divans, etc., will be disposed of at private sale. All of the articles must be sold by Wednesday. Call at once.

Bread, Bread.

You can buy your bread for less money than the flour will cost you, provided you get full sixteen ounces per loaf, which you will when you buy the Decatur Cracker Co.'s Blue Label bread. For sale at all grocery stores. One loaf for 4 cents; three loaves for 10 cents; six loaves for 20 cents; eight loaves for 25 cents. 7 d&w

Violet, verbena, lily of the valley and Florida waters, 35c. West's drug store.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church—The Past Year Has Been One of Good Work for Church.

The annual congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening in the Sunday school room of the church. The reports made by the different officers show the church to be in a good condition both financially and in point of membership.

When the meeting was called to order A. H. Mills was elected chairman and Miss Hattie Brown secretary. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, made a report for the church condition. He said that eight members of the congregation, six men and two women, had died during the year. He said that there had been a marked increase in the membership and that the church, Sunday school and different societies had done good work during the year and were in a flourishing condition.

J. K. Love reported an increase in the attendance at the College street chapel and P. P. Laughlin reported that there had been a net gain of forty pupils at the Sunday school of the Westminster chapel.

A committee composed of W. R. Sorugge, Captain R. P. Lytle and A. R. Montgomery was appointed to nominate candidates for trustees and elders. The report made by the committee was adopted. T. T. Roberts and Charles G. Powers were elected trustees for three years and W. T. Wells was elected for one year to fill the unexpired term of the late C. A. Ewing. The two elders chosen were P. P. Laughlin and Dr. S. E. McClelland.

Dr. Everett J. Brown introduced a resolution in which it was suggested that the church take some steps in providing a new parsonage for Rev. Penhalligon. The matter was approved by the congregation and it was decided that the present parsonage should be sold and a better home be rented for the pastor. The matter was referred to the trustees and the members of the ways and means committee with power to act.

S. T. Nesbitt, the treasurer, made a report which showed that the total collections for the year amounted to \$5195.70. The debts of the church have been paid up to the first of April and the church now has a balance of \$7.86 in the bank. A considerable amount of the amount of debts paid was left over from the former year.

The church still owes some money on the organ and it was decided to add H. H. Clark and Dr. Everett J. Brown to the organ fund committee which is composed of Dr. W. A. Barnes, Mrs. W. T. Wells and Miss Bell Ewing.

The reports made on the whole show that the church has accomplished an excellent year's work and that its present condition is all that could be expected. The summary of the past twelve months is more flattering than it has been for a number of years.

IN A DAMAGE CASE.

Attorney John Will Try to Get \$10,000 for Will C. Kenner.

It appears that other towns have their litigation troubles as well as Decatur and they go further sometimes. The Tusculum Journal says:

"The criminalities and recriminations that have been going on between members of the Christian church and ex-members of that society culminated last Friday in a suit for libel brought by Will C. Kenner against the official board, composed of James P. Hall, W. H. Porter, W. T. Roberts, James P. Seaney, Walter M. Pugh, Henry Jacobson, Wilmer L. Murphy and John Hostetter. The declaration was filed Friday by Attorneys Johns of Decatur, and Newman of this city, and damages to the amount of \$10,000 are asked. The official board is charged with attempting to destroy the good name and reputation of the plaintiff in his business and as a member of the Christian church by publishing in the Christian Guide, a religious paper (published in Louisville, Ky.), an alleged libelous article."

"The article goes on to say that Mr. Kenner applied for membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in Tusculum and that he was rejected on the ground that the church could not receive him except on probation or by a letter of commendation from 'our church and he could not get it, intending thereby to charge that the members of the congregation of the Christian church of Tusculum had denied the plaintiff and his wife Christian fellowship and association in the said Christian church of Tusculum and that plaintiff could not on account of being untruthful and dishonest obtain membership in any other church professing the doctrines and tenets and principles as taught by Jesus Christ."

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Bread, Bread.

The Culver Electric Co. In the circuit court Monday H. C. Montgomery, who has been acting as receiver for the Municipal Electric Light company, was discharged, after the report of the receiver had been submitted and approved. Now the plant is in charge of the stockholders. They are John H. Culver who owns 90 shares; Mrs. Florence Culver, 70 shares; James S. Culver, 1 share; James M. Willard 89 shares. The plant will be operated in future under the name of the Culver Electric company. It is a very valuable plant.

A Fine Address. Dr. E. B. Randle, presiding elder, gave an excellent address last night at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the First M. E. church at which A. M. Taylor presided. The subject was "The Achievements of the Twentieth Century." The Epworth League of Grace M. E. church attended by invitation. "Come Unto Me" was the sweet solo sung by Miss Sutton. The address was prophetic, picturing a very happy condition of affairs in the next century, peace, prosperity and universal contentment.

Officers Installed. At the Baptist church last night the officers of the Senior Endeavor society recently elected were publicly installed. The members of the different Endeavor societies in the city were invited to attend and the Sunday school room was crowded. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Norman Coughlin. The officers installed were:

President—J. L. Deek.

Vice President—Sadie Wilson.

Secretary—Mary Clary.

Treasurer—Guy Righter.

The chairmen of the different committees, eleven in number, were also installed.

Easter Reception and Dance. There was a very pleasant entertainment last night at the K. P. hall in Powers block given by Myrtle Temple, Rathbone Sisters. This was the program:

Piano Solo—Miss Minnie Kramling.

Piano Solo—Miss Mollie Steinbach.

Vocal Solo—Miss Ina Kinsaid.

Piano Solo—Miss Agnes Perl.

Piano Duet—Misses Maggie and Irene Wiefel.

After the program the ladies served refreshments to a large number and dancing was commenced in the hall. A program of fourteen numbers was danced, the music being furnished by the Maxwell orchestra.

The McCarty Estate.

In the suit of E. S. McCarty vs Bishop William Taylor of Africa, a settlement has been effected. About \$3500 worth of property that McCarty had saved while serving as a railway mail agent, was in his wife's name when she died. By will she left the bulk of it for the Methodist mission cause in Africa. The evidence was heard by J. J. Finn, master in chancery, and finally a compromise was reached by which McCarty is deemed the home- stead property in the Fifth ward, and lots 12 and 13 in block 23 in Carver's addition. The valuation is about \$2000.

The property which goes to J. C. Hartzell, present bishop of Africa, includes a lot in Sangamon addition, next to Sargent's chapel, three lots in Litchfield, and \$750 in cash. The adjustment was approved by Judge Vail.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C. W. S. Barnard, Canton, fluid distributor; R. W. Blackmore, Peoria, electrical transformer plate; A. H. Carroll, Jackson, ville, car coupling; A. A. Chittenden, A. car, snow care; T. Downman, Chester, portable tool post; J. H. Drobisch, Decatur, bonus determining device; C. A. Hunter, Plano, combined band and barrel cart; W. J. Hutchins, Joliet, wire nail machine; J. McQuillan, Hecker, ash fastener; J. F. Nelson, Rockford, straight knitting machine; W. S. Sutton, Belvidere, roller bearing for sewing machines; H. H. Wohler, Detroit, hammock chair. For copy of any patent send 6 cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Notice to Singers.

Having decided to continue the choral society as it has been without special assessment I desire all the members to be present next Tuesday night, a request to give concert in a neighboring city will be considered. S. M. Lutz.—9 d&w

Ge se, now is the time to look up your spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-class style by people who are experts and practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's Steam Dyeing and Dry Cleaning establishment, 145 North Main street.

Lard, Schuber & Co. Finest shoes and slippers for spring. Powers, sole agent.—8 d&w1w

The weather has become soggy again. There was a very heavy rain last night, accompanied by vivid lightning. The rain came up at a time to delay attendance at various meetings and entertainments.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehm Co.'s, Jan 29-d&w1w

When the Lord hands out a woman her harp, she will not feel as proud as when the minister asked for a second piece of her pie at a church dinner.

MAYOR CONKLIN ON THE BILLS.

He Does Not Believe in the State Ownership of Street Railways.

The three bills pending in the Illinois legislature introduced by Representative Humphrey, looking to the state ownership and control of the street railways in the various cities, excite considerable interest, and in response to questions propounded by the Chicago Tribune, have brought out pointed declarations by the mayors of leading Illinois cities. Mayor Conklin of this city, was interviewed last evening on the subject of Humphrey's bills. He said in reply:

"The natural effect of control of the street railways by the state would be to remove such roads from all local control, embracing their corporate existence, rules, management and policy, and substituting therefor the existing government of the state, which is subject to change every four years, its members non-residents, unacquainted with the city, its affairs and necessities, with a probability of such control leading to a monopoly of all the street railways within the state, a consummation which is now being fought and is entering into politics in every land." I cannot see that state control is desirable in any sense or even to be tolerated. It follows, therefore, that the control of such corporations should be held by the cities that have or will give them existence. It also follows that the city should have opportunity of acquiring title to its street railways and operate the same on the plan adopted in some cities in the old country, they being as much of a necessity as gas, water, or electric light, about which there is no question of a city acquiring ownership and absolute control. The matter of the extension of street car lines would be only a question of the ability of the city to meet the expense."

COMING TO DECATUR.

Springfield Ladies to Play Whist in This City on April 22.

The date has been decided upon for the great challenge game of whist. It is the night of Thursday, April 22, and the place will be the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bering, corner West William and Edward streets. The game will be between Decatur and Springfield ladies. The Springfield ladies have agreed to come on the 22d and they will be cordially received and handsomely entertained while in our city. It is a challenge game. All of the ladies have been practicing faithfully and each side is confident of victory.

Will Talk It Over

Deputy Sheriff Holmes, Deputy Stabler, Officer John Williamson and Marshal Mason, with Special Officer McCune, accessible only by telephone, were to have had a meeting in the court house tower at 2 o'clock this afternoon to look for the airship. They have heard a good deal about the airy mystery, and so have Butcher Stern and Dairyman Chappell, and the man that led off the McCune cow, but they feel that the whole affair is a fake. They have run up against a good many rum things in their experience, but never before have they heard of electric lighted airships and stolen cow stories in the month of April. They would have had the talk in the tower, but concluded that they would defer the conference until a later date. The officers admit that they made the chase for the cow thief in the patrol wagon—but that is all they desire to have published about the affair. Nothing more.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by the inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The members of the Illinois board of railroad and warehouse commissioners are expected to arrive in Decatur tomorrow.

New Easter Shoes. In endless variety at Powers' shoe store.—8 d&w1w

Last night Lodge Deputy D. G. Gorley installed the newly elected officers of Colonial lodge, No. 185, Odd Fellows.

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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Election April 20, 1897.

Mayor—B. Z. TAYLOR.
Clerk—JOHN A. REEVE.
Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.
Treasurer—MONT PENWELL.
Aldermen—First Ward, R. J. WAGG.
Second Ward, F. M. YOUNG.
Third Ward, JAMES KEEFE.
Fourth Ward, ALBERT AMMANN.
Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOWLTON.
Sixth Ward, JOHN G. WATSON.
Seventh Ward, J. L. DRAKE.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, April 13.—Showers this after-
noon and fair tonight and Wednesday;
cooler tonight.

Behring Sea Seal Question.

The recent appointment of ex-Secretary
Foster and ex-Assistant Secretary Ham-
lin by the president to assist in the nego-
tiations now in progress with Great Brit-
ain respecting the Behring sea seal fish-
eries, is indicative that this long-standing
diplomatic issue has at last assumed
grave importance, and that an earnest
effort is to be made to end the present
unsatisfactory state of affairs, or at least
to place the subject on such a footing be-
fore the beginning of the approaching
open season as will prevent it from pass-
ing into a more serious phase. The di-
plomatic correspondence of the past year
makes it evident that a severe strain was
placed upon the patience of the officials of
both the United States and Great Brit-
ain, and the warning given quietly, yet
firmly, by the British premier that fur-
ther proceedings by the American revenue
cutters in the line of last year's program
could not be tolerated, and the intima-
tion from Secretary Olney that there
would be no change unless additional re-
strictions were imposed upon the British
sealing vessels, had latent possibilities of
a serious entanglement of the two friend-
ly powers unless some arrangement could
be made before the end of May. For the
reason that ex-Secretary Foster was fa-
miliar with the earlier stages of the nego-
tiations leading up to the Paris arbitra-
tion, while to ex-Assistant Secretary
Hamlin is due, in large measure, the
credit for the conduct of the negotiations
of the last administration on this subject,
they have been chosen to assist now in
composing this threatened difficulty.The trouble appears to have begun prin-
cipally through the refusal of the British
authorities to renew last year the regu-
lations requiring British vessels going into
the waters to place their firearms under
seal, to give effect to the Paris regulation
prohibiting the use of such weapons in
killing seal. This regulation was laid
down on evidence that a large proportion
of the seals killed with guns sank and
were never recovered, involving wasteful
mortality. The British having refused
to seal up their arms, the United States
government adopted the plan of making
a most thorough search of every sealing
vessel in Behring sea. There was justifi-
cation for a search in the regulations, but
again the British vessels were thereby
subjected to unnecessary and most vexa-
tious detention; that their catches were
overhauled and thrown into confusion,
and that the only result was the discov-
ery of one skin in which the American
boarding officer thought he saw a shot
wound, and of a log book a few days in
arrear in entries. Yet, for this, twenty-
six out of twenty-nine British vessels in
the seal waters were searched eighty-two
times, one vessel being boarded six times
in twenty-four days.Secretary Olney, on the other hand,
justified the course of the revenue officers
by pointing out that all of the three seized
vessels were convicted in British courts.
He also gave some startling figures to
show the need of the additional restric-
tive regulations, which he invited the Brit-
ish government to accept. From actual
count, he showed that in 1895 no less
than 28,000 dead seal pups were found on
the seal islands, which had perished from
starvation because their mothers had been
killed at sea by sealing vessels. Also, it
was stated that in the same season the
vessels had taken 44,169 skins, as against
31,585 in the previous year, and Secretary
Olney asserted that if the killing was to
go on at this rate the total destruction of
the seal herd would be accomplished in
the course of about two more seasons. To
make the showing worse from our point
of view, it was stated that the lawful
catch on the seal islands had largely
fallen off. Efforts were made to devise
some way of limiting the seal against the
use of firearms by poachers, but they came
to nothing, and the upshot was that both
sides stood firm, the British warning
against further indiscriminate search of
British vessels, and Secretary Olney
standing on our right to make it. Mean-
while an expert commission sent out by
both governments made a report to a
joint meeting of the two governments.assertions regarding the probable extermi-
nation of the seals under present condi-
tions, and if must be upon this basis that
the negotiations will now proceed.

Prisoners are Set Free.

The Spanish prison doors in Cuba are
flying open when Uncle Sam crooks his
finger. No American citizen need no
longer fear. Men who believe in Amer-
ica and American citizens and who will
not tolerate an insult or an injustice by
any nation to any American citizen be-
liever so humble are in control of the ad-
ministration and Spain understands this.
Men who have been imprisoned for two
years contrary to express terms of the
treaty between the United States and
Spain are walking out of prison free men.
They have committed no crime unless
perhaps that of sympathizing with the
Cubans, which is no crime as no man can
control his emotions in this regard, and
yet President Cleveland permitted the
"paniards to hold such American citizens
and keep them in filthy prisons without a
protest and thus laid himself open to the
charge of sympathizing with the Span-
iards instead with those who have record-
ed their allegiance to the United States of
America.Within the next ten days there will be a
wholesale discharge of Americans from
Cuban jails. Not an American citizen
will be left in one of them. This is due
to the vigorous protests of Secretary Sher-
man and President McKinley which has
caused this revolution in the Spanish pol-
icy toward American citizens. The same
results could have been achieved by Cleve-
land but they were not because he has no
sympathy for an American citizen or any
man who is willing to fight for liberty.
His first demonstrated this in his policy
toward Hawaiians who overthrew the
rotten monarchy. Then in relation to
the Chilians who murdered the American
marines and lastly the American citizens
who went to Cuba to help or sympathize
with the Cubans.The McKinley administration is to be
congratulated upon enforcing Spain to
recognize the rights of American citizens.
It should next turn its attention to forc-
ing Spain to conduct the war in Cuba ac-
cording to the rules of civilized warfare
and follow this up by recognizing the be-
ligerency of the Cubans and thus give
these patriots in that unhappy island who
are willing to lay down their lives for lib-
erty a fair show with Spain. This done
the Cubans will promptly and the contest
and fling another banner to the breeze
with liberty inscribed upon it.

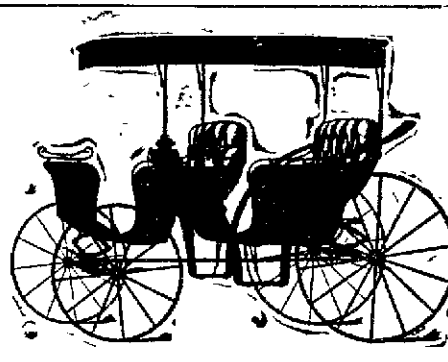
Protection and Prosperity.

In harmony with the protection senti-
ment developed in the house from the south
it is found among southern senators to be
equally as enthusiastic. Amendments to
the tariff bill increasing the rate of duties
on southern products are being offered by
southern senators and appeals along the
same line are coming to the finance com-
mittee from the southern producers. This
shows there can be no doubt of the growth
of the protection sentiment in the south.
A trial of four years of a free trade tariff
following upon the heels of a quarter of a
century of prosperity under protection
has served to convince not only those peo-
ple in the south but others in other parts
of the country how hollow are the claims
and the clap trap of free traders. They
have come to see that if this country is to
prosper we must perform our own labor
which enters into the things we consume
instead of buying the foreign labor repre-
sented in the things we buy and consume
when purchased from abroad instead of at
home. They see that we cannot prosper
by trying to buy things cheap made
abroad with cheap labor while our own
labor is idle and unable to purchase our
farm products and the goods on our mer-
chandise shelves. A grand good but
mighty expensive lesson has been taught
our people and they want protection and
lots of it. They realize that our people
must be put to work before we can again
be prosperous. Prosperity and soup
houses cannot keep house together in this
country and the people propose to drive
out the soup house by restoring protection
and prosperity.The thing Republicans should do from
this until next Tuesday coming is to see
that the full vote is polled. In the recent
township election only 66 per cent of the
Republican vote was polled. The ticket,
however, was elected because the Demo-
crats only polled 63 per cent of their vote.
But it should be borne in mind when
only 66 per cent of the Republican vote is
polled a still hunt by the Democrats
would beat every man on the ticket.
The only safe thing is to get out the vote.What right has any Republican to as-
sume the election is all right and his vote
is not needed? Does he expect other peo-
ple to perform his political duties for him.
If every citizen were to do this there
would be no elections and the government
would fall to pieces. Remember this is a
government by free consent and the citi-
zen who refuses to vote does not consent
that the government shall be continued.HARKE & SON
SEWER PIPE,
TILE,
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CEMENT, LIME, COAL.The Republican who makes up his
mind that the election is all right anyhow
and fails to vote is the fellow who defeats
his own party oftener than the opposition
beats it.Died in Chicago.
The remains of Mrs. Little Braucker,
who died at her home in Chicago, were
brought to this city this afternoon and
taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. L.
M. Abbott, No. 1048 North Main street.
The funeral will be held from the resi-
dence tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock in the
afternoon. The deceased was a resident
of Chicago but was well known in De-
catur, having formerly lived in the city.
She leaves a husband and two children, a
son aged 5 years, and a daughter, aged 3
years.Marvelous Result.
From a letter written by Rev. J. Gun-
derman, of Diamond Lake, Mich., we are
permitted to make this extract: "I have
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were almost marvelous in the case of my
wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist
church at Rives Junction she was
brought down with pneumonia succeed-
ing La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of
coughing would last hours with little in-
terruption, and it seemed as if she could
not survive them. A friend recommended
Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick
in its work and highly satisfactory in re-
sults." At West's drug store.Sales of Real Estate.
Charles C. Leforge to Julia A. Lefor-
ge, a forty-foot lot on Union street in
Kaufman's addition, \$3500.
Julia A. Leforge to Charles C. Lefor-
ge, lot 10 in block 1 in the southwestern
addition to Decatur, \$12,000.
William N. Bowman to Lowell A. Smith,
39.80 acres in section 7, 15, 3 east, \$10.Judd Thompson Ill.
Judd Thompson, the man who has be-
come quite notorious lately on account of
his suit against the Wabash railroad for
damages for the killing of his wife, is se-
riously ill. He has diphtheria and his
condition is reported to be critical.The case of W. N. Andrews, who is
suing Colonel Mathias for \$200 for a com-
mission, will come up before Justice Odoe
tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The
case was before Sheriff yesterday but a
change of venue was taken.Funeral of Miss Fletcher.
The funeral of the late Miss Stella
Fletcher will take place from the Church
street Christian church tomorrow morn-
ing at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. George F.
Hall will conduct the services and the
burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.The ladies of Grace M. E. will give a
fair and supper on Saturday evening,
April 17, in the room, first door east of
Powers shoe store. Supper will be served
from 5 to 8, 25 cents.—13-4tThe Lenten services at the First Eng-
lish Lutheran church last evening were
well attended. Rev. Oberly will preach
again this evening and every night this
week excepting Saturday.Rev. George F. Hall is still conducting
his revival services at the tabernacle. The
attendance has been large every evening
and the revival is resulting in many con-
versions.In Kankakee township, Kankakee coun-
ty, the proposition to abolish the poll tax
was carried with only four dissenting
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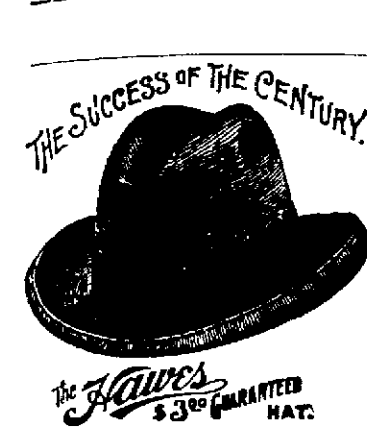
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Irish Lawn, 100 styles, yd.....	7c	Men's Blue and Brown and Grey Mixed Half Hose, pair.....	5c	Ladies' Unbleached Drawers lace and tuck trimmed, pair....	39c
Bed Ticking, (slightly soiled) yd....	4c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose, worth 7c pair, for 2c pair		Cambrie Corset Covers....	8c
Dress Gingham Remnants, yd....	4c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose, worth 10c, for 7c		Children's Jeans Waists, 1, 2 and 3 years, pair.....	10c
Zephyr Gingham Remnants, yd....	8c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose, seamless, worth 12c, for 8c		Children's Jeans Waists, 4 to 14 years, pair.....	12c
Outing Flannel Remnants, yd....	4c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Tape Neck, worth 8c, for 5c each		Boys' Cheviot Pants, 6 to 14 years, pair.....	15c
36-inch Bleach. Muslin " " " " " "	3c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Tape arm and neck, worth 12c, for 8c each		Boys' Corduroy Pants, 5 to 14 years, pair.....	49c
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Turkey Red Table Damask, yd....	15c	Ladies' and Children's Handker- chiefs, neat borders, 2 for.....	5c	Ladies' Cloth Capes, Broad Trim med, a \$2.00 garment at....	98c
All Linen Crash, yd.....	5c	Cambrie Dress Lining, all colors, yard.....	2c	Children's Reofer Jackets....	
Apron Gingham, staples and fancies	2c	Ladies' and Misses' Laundered Shirt Waists.....	25c	All colors,.....	50c, 75c, 98c
Dress Calicoes, Fancies, yd.....	3c			Ladies' Wrappers.....	49c
Shirting Calicoes, yd.....	3c			Ladies' Spring Jackets....	\$1.98
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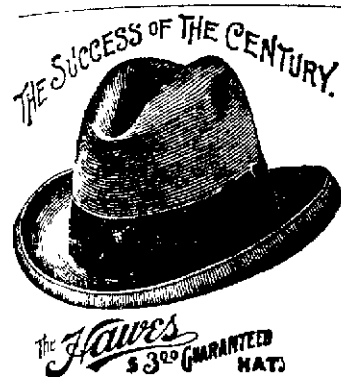
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AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.

A Nepalese Tribute Mission in Peking
—Presents for the Emperor.

The reception in the Chinese capital
of the decennial tribute mission from
Nepal to the emperor of China is de-
scribed in the latest paper from the far
east. The mission consists of 32 mem-
bers, with a following of over 20 Nepa-
lese traders, who seem to have taken
their wares to Peking for sale. The
whole arrived about the middle of Sep-
tember, bearing presents of elephants'
tusks, gold dust, woens and brocade
cloths, as well as a letter from the king
of the Gurkhas, as the ruler of Nepal
is officially styled in China. There
were two envoys, one of whom died in
Peking, and was cremated with Gurkha
rites. Special officials from the
Mongolian superintendency took the
visitors about to the sights of the cap-
ital. The return presents from the
emperor were placed in the Southern
Lake palace, outside the west gate of
Peking, and the occasion of the visit to
this place to receive them was one of
great ceremony.

The surviving envoy was conveyed
there in a green sedan chair, and the
other Nepalese on horseback or in mule
carts, the start being made from the
tribune envoy's hall, where the whole
party was lodged at the expense of the
Chinese government from the moment
of its arrival. The trading members
were kept outside the sacred precincts
while the official members were con-
veyed to the great hall of the palace,
where they prostrated themselves be-
fore the eunuch commissioned to read
the imperial edict authorizing the
Nepalese to return to their own land.
The presents consisted of 1,000 taels of
silver (about \$180), four complete
suits of fur, robes of wadded cotton and
gauze for each member of the commis-
sion, besides silk pangees and gauze.
Peking curios and the like, according
to the ranks of the recipients. These
presents were ultimately conveyed to
the residence of the mission in special
carts and the members were taken to
another part of the palace, about a
quarter of a mile from the place where
the emperor was supposed to be seated
—for he was quite invisible—and there
they went through the regulation three
prostrations and nine kowtows in recog-
nition of the imperial bounty. In fact
only the chief envoy ever saw the em-
peror, and this was on his arrival, when
he presented the letter from his own
sovereign avowing allegiance to China.
When the ceremony of giving present-
was over the mission was informed that
it could begin its return journey as
soon as the necessary conveyances for
so large a party could be prepared by
the Mongolian superintendency. The
journey from Khatmandu to Peking oc-
cupied six months.—London Times.

COST OF A TRAIN.

The Expense and Profits of Travel on
English Railway Lines.

How many people who travel in trains
ever think of the cost of running them?
It will probably surprise most people
who have traveled from London to Edin-
burgh to know that every mile of the
journey costs the company over a half
crown. The cost of the whole journey
from the English to the Scotch capital
is £50.

The average cost of running a train in
England is 2s. 7d. per mile, so that the
fare being reckoned at 1d. per mile, a
train with less than thirty-one passen-
gers for each mile is run at a loss. There
are few trains, however, that do not
carry more than this number of passen-
gers and many of them carry the num-
ber doubled many times over. It is
necessary frequently to run trains that
do not pay—usually in thinly inhabited
country districts—but for every train
run at a loss probably 100 are run at an
enormous profit.

Take, for instance, the journey from
London to Edinburgh, which costs the
company £50. The average number of
"through" passengers in these trains is
probably 60, in which case the total
fares would be £100—a clear gain of
nearly £50. When it is remembered
that these trains run several times a day
and every day in the year it will be un-
derstood what an enormous revenue
a single line yields in the course of 12
months. Supposing the average number
of passengers to be 60, the midnight train
from London to Edinburgh yields over
£20,000 for dividends in a year!

The longest railway journey in the
United Kingdom would probably be
from Penzance, in Cornwall, to Thurso,
in the north of Scotland, a distance of
over 1,000 miles. A train running be-
tween these two places would exhaust
an ordinary clerk's salary for a whole
year, the cost being no less than £138.
—London Tit-Bits.

The Hungarian Housekeeper.

The mistress of a large household in
Hungary has need to be a very capable
housewife, for she is cumbered with
many cares. She must boil her own
soap, mangle her own clothes, dry her
own prunes, prepare her own candied
fruits, smoke her own sausages, cure
her own hams, bottle her own com-
potes, make her own vinegar, store her
own fruits and vegetables, butter and
cheese for winter use, grind her own
maize for culinary purposes, grow her
own wine, act as her own butcher and
poulterer, laundress and seamstress.
The eye of the mistress must be every-
where, even though she invariably has a
housekeeper under her. Servants get
much smaller wages, work harder and
live less comfortably, but they are very
independent.—Wanderings in Hun-
gary.

Rightly Offended.

"If the fellow were not beneath my
notice," said the colonel of the police-
man who had moved him on, "I would
wreak the vengeance of a Kentuckian
and a gentleman on him. The idea of
calling me a mug!"

"I don't wonder you feel hurt," said
the friendly sympathizer; "a mug is
something that holds beer. Why didn't
he say you were a mug?"—The Chicago
Journal.



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(Tuesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Temple
Block, for work in the Mark. All members are
requested to attend and visiting compa-
nions are welcome. C. L. Hovey, E. H. P.
Theo. Coleman, Sec'y.

O. E. S.—Special meeting of Decatur Chap-
ter, No. 111, O. E. S., at Masonic Temple
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GENTLE PHRASES.

The Meaning of Common Expressions
of Courtesy.

In the hurry and bustle of this work-
aday world we sometimes miss the
meaning of our ordinary phrases of
courtesy and affectionate greeting.
Good night, the gentle greeting of our
sincere Anglo-Saxon English, is a
prayer—God's night, or God guard the
night. The simple words have almost
lost their significance, and gained a
new meaning, forever endearing them.
They are often the first word the baby
whispers. The daughter greets the
mother, the brother, the sister, with
the gentle, olden phrase, all forgetful
of its solemnity. Strangers greet us
in the old phrase, and we use it con-
tinually until it is robbed of all its
old meaning and becomes empty
words.

Yet it is a pleasant, good thing to re-
call the old meaning of these phrases—
"Good night," "Good day," "God's day,"
or "God guard the day," or, in more
stately courtesy, "God be with you."

On whatever sea of pleasure or en-
terprise we embark, these prayers of
those who love us go with us, to shield
us and protect us from "foes within and
foes without." We go out into uncertain-
ty and darkness, protected by the sense
of an overshadowing power, the Eter-
nal God, without whose call the spar-
row does not fall. "Good-by" is the
last prayer the mother breathes for
her son when he leaves her for that
great world outside the old home,
where he must fight the dragons of op-
pression and sham as valiantly as any
fabled knight of yore. Whether he will
succeed or fail and fall miserably by
the way depends upon himself and
upon the moral support he has received
from his home training. If he has been
reared in a gentle household, accus-
tomed to gentle forms of speech, the
memory will be like an angel of peace
to guard him from coarse companions
and evil ways.

"God be with you" is all the mother
can ask for those whom she loves the
best. Her work is over. She cannot
selfishly claim that her children shall
remain with her as jewels for her
adorning. The Father in Heaven, who
gave them to her for a little time, has
need for them as "fellow workers" in
His vineyards. Those children who are
brought up with strength and sin-
cerity of purpose and trained in gentle
forms of courtesy must finally win in
the great battle of life. It may not
be a worldly triumph. The modern
knight may not always expect to win
castles and glittering pomp, but nobler
than these, he will gain the record of
a noble life, nobly spent.

"Good night" is often the last words
spoken when the twilight draws near
of that night, which is the portal of the
world where God is the Sun.—N. Y.
Tribune.

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may prove fatal in a few days, but old
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THE TIME DRAWS NEAR.

Season for the Wary Spooked Trout Is Coming.

Soon Be Time to Cast Your Line for the Beauties of the Brook—Always Ready to Be Caught—The Open Season.

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The first real fishing to be had in the northern states is for brook trout; then in turn comes the lake trout, bass and salmon. Promptly upon the departure of the snow and ice the trout, ever greedy, are ready to be caught, and the laws in most states wisely make the open season begin in April.

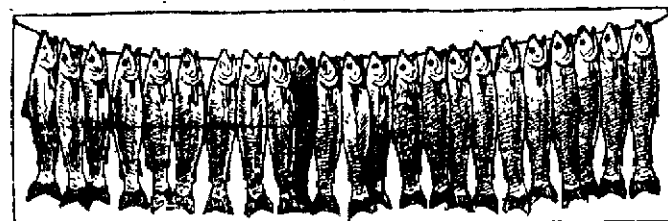
At this time the streams are high and often overflowed, the melting snow making the water cold and roily, and the fish are scattered, difficult to catch, and somewhat shy when caught. Yet the season is none too early. The fish, having been protected for seven months, are usually in fine condition. As the open season for trout does not close until August 31, time enough is given to hit the vacation of almost everyone.

Both fortunate and unfortunate is it that very few open waters containing trout now remain within easy reach of the cities—fortunate for those who have leased and preserved waters, unfortunate for those who have not. Yet it is certain that if so much water were not under protection, trout and trout fishing would long since have become things of the past, except in remote parts of the wilderness. A few years ago far-seeing fishermen began to note that the trout were rapidly disappearing; that to insure future fishing streams must be stocked and protected. Clubs were formed, good waters were

likely. Do not expect the fish always to bite at once; as a rule they do, but sometimes they do not.

The average trout brook has a good stiff current, therefore the best plan is to weight the line. Three small split shot securely fastened to the small is the best method. Then, when the bait is dropped carefully in the water and allowed to sink just ahead of an obstruction, the current carries it under to the lair of the fish. If the trout is there he will, in most cases, take it quickly and viciously; you must then avoid a common fault. Do not jerk your line with sufficient strength to throw the hook into the surrounding trees. It is difficult to gather a fish from overhanging branches—if indeed the force used does not tear the hook from its mouth. If you have missed, the hook is caught in a tree or perhaps in a log under water. In the latter event, if a strong steady pull will not release it, pull harder and break it. Any attempt to free it by jerks or jabs with the pole will scare every fish for rods around. Always go prepared with plenty of hooks for such contingencies. Wait a moment and try again, and you will probably get the game.

The secret of striking a fish, especially a trout which bites quickly, whether in brook, river or lake, is to give a sharp upturn of the wrist. This will move the rod or bait only two or three inches, and will not jerk it from the water. If you miss, the fish will follow the few inches, not being frightened, and in the majority of cases will be hooked at once. The quick jerking of the bait from the water almost invariably scares a trout—result, a dark streak disappearing down the stream. The possibility of always catching trout in preserved streams depends



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SUCH A CATCH AS THIS?

leased, thousands of fry secured and placed in them yearly, and constables hired to prevent poaching, with the result that to-day the members can secure satisfying sport at all times. The brooks are usually leased from the farmers, the lease providing, of course, that they must guard against poachers.

Throughout New York and the New England states the very early spring fishing must be done with bait, as the fly is rarely successful at this time. The water has not become sufficiently clear for that lure to be seen by the fish, nor do I believe it to be tempting thus early. Then, too, the great majority of trout streams and brooks are narrow, winding through meadows and woods, more or less overhung with grass, bushes or underbrush, presenting few places sufficiently clear for either casting or drifting a fly. The greatest measure of success is obtained with the angle worm. A good bait pole of eight or nine ounces weight and at least ten feet long is the most convenient rod. If much of the fishing is through woods or underbrush, a steel bait rod with line running through the center is beyond question just the thing. It prevents the constant catching of the line, and the possibility of breaking that or the hooks, and, what is more, it preserves the fisherman's temper and equanimity, both of which must remain intact to secure success and particularly enjoyment.

A long pole is absolutely necessary, as will appear. Snell hooks from No. 5 to No. 8, according to the size of fish to be taken, and an "E" silk line, with a good click or automatic reel, comprise the proper tackle. Fish basket, bait box and high rubber boots must not be overlooked.

The trout are wily, never found in shallow or open water, but in deep pools under overhanging banks, or under bushes or logs lodged across the stream, and the angler must know bow and where to drop the bait successfully to tempt and capture the fish. Here is where patience, skill and experience come into play. Were a novice to fish the brook, he would quickly claim there were no fish in it, and yet he would have passed many, hidden from view, frequently frightened by his shadow, dashing up or down the stream with lightning rapidity. Unless startled the trout moves but little during the day, but lies hidden, watching for food floating with the current. The brighter the day, the more quiet and shy the fish. It is for this reason that cloudy or rainy days afford the most successful fishing. And yet immediately after a heavy rain is absolutely the wrong time to expect success, because of the temporary rise of the stream. Always let two or three days elapse, and then the conditions will be perfect.

The secret of brook fishing for trout lies in just two rules: fish slowly, and avoid in every way frightening the fish. The latter rule means that one's shadow must not be cast upon the water, nor any movement made in near view of the stream. Approach the pool stooping if there is brush to form a screen; in the open creep up. Herein lies the advantage of a long rod. It obviates the necessity of approaching too closely, and it brings all the parts of the stream within reach. Great care must be exercised in moving the rod over the water; a quick motion means a quick moving shadow, which must be avoided.

Every little obstruction in the stream under which the current has washed out the sand and gravel may harbor a trout. It is by faithfully fishing every possible nook, instead of trying only the obvious pools, that everyone finds that one wins success. Drift the bait along under a bank overhung with grass, even if the water is shallow; do not neglect any place that looks at all

upon several points, all of equal importance. First, additional stocking must be done every year, and with great care. Do not purchase small fry from the hatchery, but secure young fish, yearlings or larger. Few of the small fry ever attain maturity, as they form dainty morsels for their larger brethren, but a very large percentage of the yearlings live to grow to a catchable size. If fry only can be secured, they should be planted at the very sources of the brook; in the little rivulets they are comparatively safe. Even larger fish should be placed in very shallow water. Ten thousand or 20,000 fish, or even more, should be planted every season.

The very best method of preserving young trout fry, and one I can recommend from the success attending its use in several private preserves, I will describe. Select a low spot near the stream where it has a few rods of rapid descent. Here excavate a shallow pond, perhaps ten or 12 feet across and about two feet deep. Dig a small channel to connect this with the stream above, and a second one from the pond to the stream below as an outlet. Screens must be used to prevent large trout from entering or the fry from escaping. Late in the fall or early in the following spring they can be released into the stream, being nearly large enough to be caught. Another lot of fry can then be reared. This method insures the safety of the entire stock, and will make an ideal preserve of a stream that had been barren of fish.

The other points to keep in view are: First, prevent poaching by day and night, and, secondly, throw back all fish under the legal length—six inches.

Do not question the expense of providing necessary guardians for a preserve, as poaching is the worst enemy to combat. Poachers usually live near the stream where they can fish constantly day and night. Being on hand when the fish are biting best, they fairly strip the waters. Constant watching by good men is the only thing that will prevent this trouble. As to taking fish under legal length, fishing club members are sportsmen, so that a mention of this point is all that is necessary.

Extraordinary Theft.

The advance agents of traveling exhibitions are usually careful to ascertain the peculiarities, the merits and demerits of the halls they are to exhibit in, for the benefit of the performers when they arrive. One of these agents, having hired a hall in Kentucky town, asked the proprietor of the building:

"How are the acoustics of your hall?"

"The which?" said the Kentuckian.

"The acoustics."

"Well, I'll tell you," said the proprietor, looking a little puzzled at first and then indignant. "Ye see, there was a minstrel comp'ny 'long here 'bout two weeks ago, in my place, an' they stole 'bout everything they could lay their hands on. I ain't seen any coon-skins round since they was here, an' it wouldn't surprise me a grain if them minstrels had gone an' tuck 'em!"

Youth's Companion.

Giving Impressively.

There are diversities of giving as well as of gifts. To give a little with a grand air sometimes seems to make more of an impression than to give much modestly. The world has not changed in this respect. Samuel Pepys wrote in his "Diary," in 1660: There was a great number of merchants and others of good quality (at a dinner) on purpose to make an offering (to two newly-married servants), which, when dinner was done, we did, and I did give shillings and no more, though I believe most of the rest did give more and did brag that I did so, too.—Youth's Companion.

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Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at West's drug store.

When a girl has to entertain the young men who call on her in the family sitting room, it indicates that she father has more authority in that house than the mother. When the mother has her way the parlor is opened and something is cooked to "pass around."

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

D. C. Putnam has moved from Clinton to Rossville.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The opera house at Tuscola is being overhauled and refurnished at an expense of \$2500.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

J. C. W. Pittman, supervisor of Mahomet township, killed eighteen foxes on his farm last Friday.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

John Dean of Elkhart, is on his way overland to Arabia, Mo., driving eighty head of horses and forty of cattle.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

P. K. Wilson will erect a \$7000 residence with all modern improvements on his farm three miles west of Clinton.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Some of the best people we know are so fat that they will not be able to reach their arms around a harp when they get up yonder.

Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may receive immediate relief and be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

It is being said of another pious sign-board in Atchison that though he is pointing one way he is himself going the other.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers
Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Last Friday morning the mayor of Lincoln gave notice that he would give employment in cleaning the streets to every one who would come supplied with a shovel. Over 200 men responded.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who announced the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

There are almost as many crises in the average love affair as there have been in the rule of the Sultan of Turkey.

A Quaker (?) Medicine.
There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for kidney and bladder diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The word "entertained" is overworked worse than the mother of half a dozen children.

A Beacon of Hope
To those afflicted with kidney or bladder diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Rev. John P. Quinn, pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic church at Ionia is about to build a parish residence at the corner of Blaine and Antoinette streets. It will be a two-story brick and will cost \$7000.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Poria. Take the Vandalia. Last Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

MODERN WARFARE.

Long Campaigns Will Give Place to Single But Decisive Encounters.

Summing up the whole question, as between any two European peace-trained armies of the present day, the extreme percentage of loss to be anticipated, locally, i. e., on particular brigades and divisions, will not exceed one in three (of which one is killed to two wounded), whereas for whole armies of a quarter of a million and over one in ten is the very outside punishment we may reasonably expect.

Compared to the slaughter of the Seven Years' war, and the best contested of the Napoleonic period, this is very little indeed. At Zorndorf the Russians left 21,000 out of 32,000 on the ground, and this is undoubtedly the heaviest battle recorded since the introduction of portable firearms. Eylau, Friedland, Wagram and Borodino all exceed the figures for any pitched battle since the breech-loader appeared in the field. Moreover, the horror of the whole thing is not to be measured by figures of percentage only, but by the density in which the killed and wounded lie and the fate of the latter afterward. In a modern battle 20,000 men will fall in an area of about 20 square miles, at Zorndorf the 21,000 Russians and 12,000 Prussians lay on a single square mile, and of the wounded not one in three survived; whereas, in 1870, nine out of ten recovered, and the Prussian medical staff anticipated even better results next time.

But death on the battle-field is by far the least of the two evils the soldier has to face. There is death on the line of march and in hospitals along the road. Whereas, formerly, particularly under Napoleon, ten would die on the way for one who fell in action, in the last Franco-German war only one man died of disease for two killed in action. Indeed, the health of men in the prime of life was actually slightly better in the field than in quarters.

It may, however, be argued, that even granted that battles and marches may be less destructive, there will be more of them, because every able-bodied man being trained for war the resistance will be more prolonged than formerly, but this prolonged endurance is only conceivable under the supposition that the leaders on both sides are hopelessly incompetent, and both fear to stake all on a single collision—a supposition that nothing tends to justify. On the contrary, every leader brought up in the modern school is taught to understand the vulnerability of all modern military organizations, and is perpetuated with the conviction that one downright "knockout" blow of more than weeks of purposeless fighting, and where both start determined to bring matters to a climax the decision cannot long be delayed, being from what we know of the relative efficiency of continental armies we believe that the first round of the great encounter will also be the last, for the momentum of the blow which decides will simply paralyze every nerve of the opponent's body, and adding up all sources of casualties that can occur in a short campaign of this description we conclude that at the very worst the total cost of human life to the powers engaged will not amount to more than five per cent. of their actual populations. Pall Mall Gazette.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

Germantown, Pa., Was Once the Capital of the Country.

A pupil in the boys' grammar school on Lafayette street, Germantown, was asked by his teacher recently "when the first congress occupied the Germantown campus, located on West School lane?"

It was a puzzle, of course, to the young scholar, who was at a loss to find any trace in print verifying such an event. The facts, however, from which the last impression has frequently obtained are as follows: The government of the United States was first inaugurated in New York in 1789, but by act of congress Philadelphia was made the capital of the nation from 1790 to 1800.

In 1793 the yellow fever became epidemic in this city, and it was in October of that year that the governor of Pennsylvania asked the board of trustees to accommodate the house of assembly and a similar request for quarters came from congress. At the November meeting following the board proffered to congress the choice of the school buildings, but there is no minute evidence to show that congress accepted the generous offer. At this time Washington resided in Germantown, and the town was spoken of as the government place of the state, and also of the United States. Jefferson, then secretary of state, and Randolph, attorney general, occupied the building some years ago torn down to extend the site on which the national bank now stands at Main street and School lane. So, with Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Randolph residing in Germantown, it is not strange that the conclusion should be formed that congress was in session at the same time. Although the Germantown academy never had the honor of accommodating congress, a few years later, in 1795, when the yellow fever made its appearance again in this city, the Bank of North America and the Bank of Pennsylvania did find a temporary place of safety in the old academy building on Philadelphia Record.

An Impassable Place.
India is a very uncomfortable country. This year is worse than common. Drought makes every road a river of dust, other rivers are dried up. Grain is poor as well as scarce and garden produce are useless. If the traveler eats meat or fruit he is threatened with cholera, if grain or vegetables, he is troubled by the bubonic pest (which chiefly affects vegetarians). Fish is forbidden by taste as well as by prudice. Milk must be rigorously eschewed and butter is not less baneful. Bread and tea are poor in India and water is always dangerous.—Oxford Enquirer.

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On our **SECOND FLOOR** we have opened a New Department which is given over entirely to

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They are Splendid Bargains and it is well worth your while to go to the Second Floor any time that you are looking for Shoe Bargains.

These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this Department:

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| <p>NO. 1.
Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.</p> <p>NO. 2.
Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.</p> <p>NO. 3.
Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.</p> <p>NOS. 5 AND 6.
Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, in Opera and square toe, \$9c, reduced from \$1.50.</p> | <p>NO. 29.
Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, needle toe, machine sewed, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, widths A to E, \$1.79, reduced from \$2.50.</p> <p>NO. 10.
Child's Dongola Oxfords, Opera toe, Pat. tip, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, at 69c, reduced from \$1.00.</p> <p>NO. 13.
Misses' Tan Button Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, at 98c, reduced from \$1.50.</p> |
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In our regular stock we have all the best makes of Shoes in every fashionable style, and all widths and all sizes. We are headquarters for all that is best in Shoes and will take great pleasure in waiting on you at any time when you are in need of Footwear. We buy our goods right, buy them to sell and not to look at, and we know that we can please you in quality and price. COME AND SEE US.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.

148 East Main Street.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

Cast Your Eye

On this for a Moment.

Do you need a blood purifier? See our Syrup Sarsaparilla Co.—a bottle same size as Hood's—twice as strong. Guaranteed, and only 50c a bottle. Try it.

KING'S DRUG STORE,
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Irwin's female tonic, 75c.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.
For loss of appetite take Irwin's Iron tonic bitters.
Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 ct.
Irwin's Sarsaparilla is guaranteed to give satisfaction as a blood purifier.
Quinine hair tonic, 85c West's drug store.
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf
Did you feel the wind blow? Kury, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Main.—1-dim.
Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16-dtf
Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsmen fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 328 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf
New perfumes for the Easter season at West's.
Clark and Schroll have opened a real estate, land and insurance office in Room 29, Arcade building. All kinds of insurance written. Loans made, money solicited to place upon good city and farm property.—27-dtf
The Decatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop a cyclone. Kury, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance 124 North Water.—1-dim.
We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-dlw
CYCLONE Insurance in first class companies J. L. Drake, over P. O.

FOUND DEAD IN HER HOME.

Mrs. William Cole, a Well Known Resident of Macon, Passed Away Suddenly—Heart Disease Believed to be Cause.

Mrs. William Cole, a well known resident of Macon, was found dead this morning in her home at that town. She had been in poor health for some time past and it is believed that her death was due to heart disease.

Mrs. Cole lived in the town of Macon with her husband and two children, a son aged 9 years, and a little daughter. Mr. Cole has been working in the country and yesterday and last night was away from home. Nothing unusual had been noticed in Mrs. Cole's condition last evening, but this morning the children found their mother dead. She was on the floor beside her bed and it is supposed that she had been taken ill and attempted to get out of bed and fell. As soon as the children made known their discovery Dr. Boggs was summoned. He examined the woman and said that it was his opinion that she had died from a sudden attack of heart disease. She had been suffering for some time with lung and heart trouble and lately her health has been failing rapidly. The husband of the deceased and also her sister, Mrs. Loveman, who lives near Macon, were notified of the death. Mrs. Cole was a Miss Rheinhart before she was married and was about 30 years old. She was quite well known in Macon and in that vicinity.

A telegram was sent to Coroner Bendure this morning and he left this afternoon for Macon to take charge of the body and hold an inquest.

ROBBERY AT KENNEY.

School House was Burglarized and the Decatur Blood Hounds Called for Again.

There was another robbery last night at Kenney, DeWitt county, Ill. Several days ago two stores in the town were robbed and last night the school house was burglarized. This morning Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure and Israel Florey received a telegram asking them to bring their blood hounds and they left at 11:30 with Rattler and the new bound Topsey. The dogs were successful in tracing the thieves in the other robbery and the men were landed in jail. The town people were considerably excited over the first robbery and the occurrence of last night added to their anxiety. If the dogs get a fair start they no doubt be able to track the burglars Rattler since he has been working has succeeded in causing the arrest of six guilty men. The new dog Topsey is only a pup of ten months but is doing good work and the owners believe that when she has had sufficient training she will be as good as Rattler.

The Facts.

Eds. Republicans: The report of the weekly W. C. T. U. meeting given in last Friday's Review and Republican, was very incorrect in several particulars. April 26, not April 22, was the day recommended for the Sabbath observance sermon to be asked of each minister in the city and district. No action whatever was taken by the union on that day as to Sunday closing, nor was such action suggested or recommended in the communication read that day. The only request of the district superintendent was that from each pulpit mentioned an earnest appeal might be made for a better observance of the Lord's Day in the home and the churches and no attack was made in any way upon the conditions now existing in the city. A Member.

The Decatur University Center.

The first regular meeting of the Decatur University center will be held Thursday evening, April 15, at 8 o'clock in the lecture room of the Edward street Christian church. All members and all interested in university extension work are earnestly requested to be present. The program for the evening is as follows: The Origin of the Ancient Egyptians—Prof. J. J. Sheppard.
The Physical Features of Egypt—Mr. H. C. Schaub.
The Nile—Miss Polly B. Vail.
The Pyramids of Egypt—Mrs. C. W. Walsdon.
The Tombs of Egypt—Mrs. W. T. Wells.
The center has now a membership of 90.

The "McFee Matrimonial Bureau" comedy company that filed an engagement at the Grand Friday night, perpetrated the same play at Taylorville Saturday where the management became financially embarrassed. The Brown says the party was stranded. But a good angel at Taylorville got the troupe through Decatur to Effingham yesterday. The baggage was put up as security for the money advanced.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. B. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-dlw

In the office of Master-in-Chancery Finn during the recess of court for a month there will be a number of contests in cases that have been referred for investigation. There are to be at least seven hot contests in the lot and Mr. Finn will have but little rest. Court will convene again on May 18.

Ben Taylor, the next mayor, was at the Myrtle Temple social and dance in K. P. hall last night.

We are selling Chas. the best 5 cent cigar, Splendid and Hard Times, 8 for 5 cents. L. Chodat's news house.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Will Armstrong is visiting friends at Louisville, Ky.
—Frank Witt of Macon, was in the city today on business.
—Miss Lena Camp of Bement, is in the city visiting friends.
—Attorney I. R. Mills was in Tuscola yesterday on business.
—Herbert Armstrong went to Paris, Ill., today to visit relatives.
—Mrs. Mary Sloat, who is over ninety years old, is ill at her home on South Franklin street.
—Miss Lula Jones is in Springfield attending the Springfield Presbytery.
—Miss Edith Meredith of Ivesdale, is in the city visiting her father, Frank Meredith.
—Miss Jennette Tullis is home from Tuscola where she has been visiting friends.
—Mrs. J. W. Robertson and Mrs. G. M. Sprinkle were among the visitors today from Mochalesburg.
—Louis White returned home last night from Chicago where he has been in at vance with Attorney Crea.
—Mrs. F. M. Williams and children left today for Indianapolis, Ind., where they will join Mr. Williams who will make his home in that city.
—Mrs. Herbert Greene of Chicago, arrived in the city yesterday and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hill, on West King street.
—Secretary N. W. Woodford, of the Y. M. C. A., will go to Springfield today to attend a banquet which will be given at the Y. M. C. A. of that city.
—Mrs. M. L. Christian, who has been visiting in the city with Superintendent E. A. Gaetzman and family, returned today to her home in Bloomington.

—Miss Grace Gilmore, who attends school at Jacksonville, is home to spend the Easter vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Gilmore.

—Rev. Father Finnegan, who was here to conduct the mission at the Catholic church, left yesterday for Chicago, and Rev. Father Rosewinkle left for Detroit, Mich.

Ho, Ye Princes of the Orient!
There is to be another killing at the meeting of the Princes of the Orient to be held tomorrow evening at K. P. hall in Powers' block. Every officer and every Prince is commanded by order of the Grand Pasha to be in his place promptly on time. It is to be a specially warm meeting for certain parties who are tapping at the portals, and those who would enjoy life will be quick to obey the command of the boss of the council. Remember, Wednesday night, the hour, 7:30.

Death at Macon.
W. H. Terrence died this morning at Macon of softening of the brain after a lingering illness. He was aged 44 years. He leaves a wife, two sisters at Richmond, Ind., and a brother in Colorado. He was a retired farmer, having lived in Macon two years. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Funeral To-Day.
The funeral of Edward Eugene Foulke, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Foulke, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, No. 942 North Union street. The services were conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Exhaustible lavender salts, new, 25c; West's drug store.

Will Land To-Day.
Robert I. Hunt, who has been traveling in Europe, is expected to land in New York City today or tomorrow. He will probably arrive in this city the last of the week.

Cherry tooth paste, imported, 25c, at West's.

Children's Tan
Shoes, 8 to 10 1/2, 25c a pair, in vlc kid button at Powers' shoe store.—8-d&wtf

The O. and W. shoe store closed yesterday. The stock of goods which remains has been shipped to Springfield.

Cigarette Debate.
Next Thursday evening the debate on the cigarette question which was to have been held last week will take place at the First M. E. church. Clarence Erwin and Charles Steele will talk in favor of the abolition of the sale of cigarettes and Cecil Davidson and Wayne Williams against it.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our dear sister and that they be placed upon the records of the society.

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SPORTING NOTES.

Briefs Caught Up at Random—Boxers and Ball Players.

John M. Ward, who ranks second to no one as a judge of players, says Loberu has secured a prize in Rockledge, the Indian. Ward says he is a natural hitter a strong fielder, and a good base runner. In six of the National League clubs, he is sold on the ball grounds. The six where thirst for this beverage can not be quenched are Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. The park board officials of New York have turned down the cyclists of that city in the matter of races over the boulevards. They have refused to grant permits for them.

It is possible the annual meet of the Illinois division of the L. A. W. may be held in Chicago. If it is held there it will take place at Washington park July 8 and 9.

Every track on which Sunday racing takes place this year will be treated as it was last season—blacklisted. Chairman Mott, after consulting with President Potter, declares this will be his policy.

A New York club offers a purse of \$5000 for Corbett to meet Steve O'Donnell. Slavin wants to meet Jim Mac for any amount, the match to take place in America.

Sharkey will arrive in New York April 15 to begin training for his fight with Maher.

Dan Creedon says he is willing to meet Choyinski if they weigh in at the ring side at 160.

Another Chicago boxer who seems to cut some figure in the east is Walter Nolan, a 130-pounder.

Corbett is said to show to a crowded house everywhere, while those to which Fitz shows are generally slim.

Joe Choyinski says he and "Parsen" Davies have no longer joint interests. Choyinski will do his own match making.

Kansas City papers are responsible for the report that Jack McAuliffe wants to get on the police force in that city.

Ex-Senator Ingalls says Fitz told him immediately after the Carson fight that he had won by a chance blow. Fitz denies the statement.

Passed Resolutions.
The following resolutions on the death of Miss Stella Fletcher were passed by the Third ward ladies of the A. I. O. O. F. of the Church street Christian church.

"It is with deep feeling of sadness that we meet to give expression to our sorrow at the death of our sister in Christ. Her sudden demise impresses us deeply with the uncertainty of life. In the death of Miss Stella we feel that we have lost a faithful member and one who was ever at her post of duty. Though quiet and unobtrusive, it was her delight to be not only always at the society but at all of the services of the Lord's house. Therefore, be it

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CUBAN VICTORY.

Hard Battle Fought in Matanzas in Which Spain Suffers a Defeat.

TROOPS FLEE BEFORE THE CUBANS.

Turkish Government Concludes that the Raid of Irregulars Will be Regarded as a Declaration of War.

Havana, April 14, via Key West.—

New comes from Matanzas of a big battle fought yesterday near the estate Andes, a few miles from El Coliseo. The Spanish official report claims one of the greatest victories obtained by the Spaniards since the war began. The report is much discredited, and from other sources it is known that the fight ended in a total defeat of the Spanish column, led by Col. Zamora, with Captain Andrade in command of its cavalry force.

The Spanish column of a force of thirty-four killed and fifty-one wounded, but, as in all similar cases, these casualties are only among the regular soldiers of the battalion and the killed and wounded of the guerrilla forces, who, according to the Spanish plan, always march in front of each column, are not mentioned at all. The Cuban general, Dr. Belanourt, reports that Colonel Zamora lost 120 men in the engagement.

The battle began after the Spaniards had completed their destruction of the plantation Andes, under the instructions of General Molina, commander of the Spanish forces in the province, who received news that the insurgents were taking many provisions for their troops from that estate. He therefore sent Colonel Zamora with 1500 men to reduce the whole property to ashes.

After that work had been completed, and when Colonel Zamora was leaving the place, his vanguard was suddenly attacked by a force of Cuban cavalry. The engagement lasted five hours, and the Spanish column was compelled to retire from the estate Andes to the estate La Vaca, and through that estate to the town of El Coliseo, which Colonel Zamora entered about 6 o'clock in the evening, with his soldiers panic stricken and many missing. Of the cavalry forces of Capt. Andrade only a few men remained.

General Weiler is reported to be greatly concerned over the fate of the garrison of the principal Spanish force at Soboral, near Placetas. The fort was attacked on Friday by a large force of insurgents, who bombarded it with dynamite shells fired from a pneumatic cannon. The fort was destroyed half of the garrison being killed, and the other half, excepting four men who were captured, fled to Placetas.

Note Which Means War.

London, April 14.—The Evening News Athens special says that Turkey has formally notified Greece that any further raid of "irregulars" into Turkish territory will be regarded as a declaration of war.

The Advance in Macedonia.

Larissa, April 14.—A trustworthy report confirms the statements that the Greek "irregulars" have captured Balpino in Macedonia, then took a strong position in the mountains near Krania, where the Turkish battalions attacked them but were repulsed with severe loss, being badly cut up, the Greeks capturing large quantities of provisions, ammunition and fifteen prisoners. The Greeks then advanced to Allassona and Janina and drove the Turks before them and are now pushing on for Grevena where a strong Turkish force is stationed.

The Greek Irregulars Advancing.

London, April 14.—A special from Salonica, the Turkish base of operations says the Greek "irregulars" have advanced to Grevena and are rallying the population to their cause, and threatening the communication between the Turkish armies at Allassona and Janina.

AIR-SHIP REPAIRED IN ILLINOIS.

Alighted Near Girard While the Occupant Needed the Machinery.

Carlinville, Ill., April 14.—The report from authentic sources is that the airship, which has been seen at many different places the past month, was seen about half way between the towns of Nilwood and Girard at 6:15 Monday evening. When first seen it was descending, and was noticed by Wm. Street, Frank McCall and Ed. Tarples and the telegraph operator at Girard. These men saw it alight, and a man got out and fix some part of the machine. They started for the place where it had alighted, but when within a quarter of a mile it rose and disappeared from view in a northerly direction.

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